

**FWP TRACKING SUMMARY**  
**2015 LEGISLATION**  
Updated January 28, 2015

The following are bills FWP is tracking that pertain, in most instances, to the FWP resources we are responsible for managing.

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*\* Bills that were Tabled in Committee, Missed Transmittal date, etc.*

| <b>BILL #</b> | <b>SPONSOR</b> | <b>SUMMARY AND STATUS</b>  |
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| HB 82         | Hertz          | Would allow the development of a boat dock at Wild Horse Island State Park. Senate Committee Executive Action-Bill Concurred 1/27/15   |
| HB 92         | Funk           | Would create a fish and wildlife enterprise fund for the purpose of dedicating revenue for the management of educational, commemorative and interpretive merchandise. House 3 <sup>rd</sup> Reading Failed 1/14/15   |
| HB 140        | Welborn        | Would revise and streamline FWP's license fees and licensing structure. The basics of the bill are a \$3 increase to the resident fishing license and an \$8 resident base hunting license increase. House Hearing 1/27/15   |
| HB 144        | Redfield       | Amends existing statute adding the requirement that game bird hunters obtain landowner permission to hunt on private property. Senate Hearing 2/3/15   |
| HB 145        | Cuffe          | Would transfer \$400,000 from the state general fund to the livestock loss restricted state special revenue account. House Committee Executive Action-Bill Passed 1/27/15  |
| HB 146        | Flynn          | Would revise the distribution of hunting license revenue for hunting access programs by increasing from 25 to 33 the percent of the fee for certain nonresident big game combination licenses that would go to an earmarked fund for hunting access enhancement. House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 1/28/15 |
| *HB 149       | Cuffe          | Would revise fishing derby laws and regulations including for which species they are prohibited and under what circumstances the F&W Commission may regulate fishing contests. Tabled in House Committee 1/22/15   |
| HB 150        | Flynn          | Would revise penalties for fish and wildlife laws including those penalties for harassment of hunters and wildlife, hunting from a highway, hunting from a vehicle and the use of a vehicle while hunting. House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 1/28/15   |
| *HB 152       | Miller         | Would allow residents senior citizens over 62 years of age to use a general elk tag to take a antlerless elk in certain areas at certain times and reorganizing statutes concerning Legion of Valor members and Purple Heart awardees. Tabled in House Committee 1/22/15                               |
| HB 160        | Curdy          | Would prohibit the possession of exploding targets on state lands and waters. House Hearing 1/27/15  |
| HB 167        | Welborn        | Would increase the nonresident temporary use permit fee for off highway vehicles. Requires a nonresident temporary use permit for all off highway vehicles owned by nonresidents and clarifies the purposes for which FWP could use the dollars. House 2 <sup>nd</sup> Reading 1/28/15                 |
| *HB 176       | Mandeville     | Would allow the use of crossbows while hunting during any archery season. Tabled in House Committee 1/22/15  |

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| HB 194 | Redfield     | Would require a forage analysis as a part of a management plan before wild buffalo are release or transplanted onto private or public land in Montana. House Hearing 1/22/15   |
| HB 199 | Ellis        | Revises laws related to use of personal floatation devices. Senate Hearing 2/3/15  |
| HB 212 | Wagoner      | Clarifies the types of fish and game harvest protected under the Montana Constitution. House Hearing 1/20/15   |
| HB 214 | D. Moore     | Revises laws pertaining to operating certain vessels under the influence of alcohol or drugs. House Hearing 1/28/15  |
| HB 234 | Ballance     | Would revise laws related to shooting range grant funding, requiring FWP to expend or obligate \$500,000 per year for the program. A person making the decision not to expend or obligate those funds or to expend them for a different purpose would commit the offense of official misconduct that is provided in statute. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/16/15 |
| HB 250 | Wagoner      | Would clarify that sound reduction devices may be used on firearms while hunting wildlife not protected by state or federal law. House Hearing 1/27/15   |
| HB 263 | Monforton    | Would remove Madison Buffalo Jump State Park from the list of primitive parks. House Hearing 1/29/2015   |
| HB 268 | Flynn        | Would create a \$25 block management stamp and eliminate the hunting access enhancement fee. House Hearing 1/29/15   |
| HB 269 | Jacobson     | Would revise laws related to the hunting access enhancement program, increase the hunting access enhancement fee and increase payment limits for participating landowners. House Hearing 1/29/15   |
| HB 278 | Essmann      | Would prohibit the use of unmanned aerial vehicles for purposed related to hunting and fishing, and under certain other conditions over certain lands and waters and authorize seizure and forfeiture of unlawfully used unmanned aerial vehicles. House Hearing 2/3/15  |
| HB 279 | Essmann      | Would revise the requirement for tagging game animals by requiring attaching the license or tag before the carcass is removed from or the person leaves the site of the kill. House Hearing 2/3/15   |
| HB 281 | Mortensen    | Would generally revise laws related to practices used by wardens, requiring consistency with practices used by other law enforcement entities and revising provisions for search and seizure. House Hearing 2/3/15   |
| HB 286 | Jacobson     | Would prohibit the restriction of public access on certain roads or right-of-ways used by the public unless certain requirements are met. House Hearing 1/30/15  |
| HB 292 | B. Brown     | Would prohibit a warden from using a simulated wildlife decoy for enforcement purposes during the authorized hunting hours of any hunting season. House Hearing 2/5/15   |
| HB 300 | K. White     | Would create a snowmobile trail pass. The pass would be a requirement to operate a snowmobile or to use motorized equipment in snowmobile areas groomed using funding assistance awarded by FWP. House Hearing 2/5/15  |
| HB 304 | Tropila      | Would revise laws governing encroachments and obstructions on county roads. Provides that a locked gate is considered to be an obstruction and increases the penalty for failure to remove an encroachment. Referred to House Committee 1/27/15  |
| SB 21  | Cohenour     | Would provide for the automatic forfeiture of hunting, fishing and trapping licenses and privileges for unlawful procurement, possession, use or transfer of replacement/duplicate licenses. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/23/15   |
| SB 46  | Pomnichowski | Would allow fishing, hunting and trapping licenses to be signed electronically. House Hearing 1/29/15  |
| SB 87  | M. Phillips  | Would standardize the prohibition on possession, shipping or transport of live fish in Montana. Senate Hearing 1/15/15   |
| SB 100 | Larsen       | Would grant the Board of Livestock the power to control and eradicate feral swine and provide rule making authority. Prohibits the possession, hunting and other actions related to feral swine. House 1 <sup>st</sup> Reading 1/21/15   |
| SB 118 | Hamlett      | Would clarify that disruptions of a means of conveyance is not an intent to abandon a water appropriation right. Senate Hearing 1/30/15  |
| SB 120 | Kary         | Would revise laws related to the regulations of game animals that damage property. Revises eligibility for game damage assistance and revises provisions for special seasons. Referred to Senate Committee 1/9/15  |

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| SB 153 | Sales       | Would require any person in a district open to hunting big game animals to wear hunter orange unless exempted by the landowner. Tabled in Senate Committee 1/27/15  |
| SB 154 | Sales       | Would revise the requirements for wearing hunting orange to apply only to persons under 18 years of age. Senate Committee Executive Action-Bill Passed 1/27/15  |
| SB 189 | M. Phillips | Would clarify that funding for wolf management may be used for public education about wolves. Senate Hearing 1/29/15  |
| SB 191 | Driscoll    | Would provide an exception from the Montana Procurement Act for contracts concerning State Parks, state recreational areas, state monuments and historic sites. Senate 2/2/15   |
| SB 203 | Hamlett     | Would revise the exemptions to permit requirements for ground water developments and establish criteria for exempted uses by number of users. Referred to Senate Committee 1/23/15  |
| SB 210 | Vuckovich   | Would provide for an expansion of the Livestock Loss Reduction Program to include mountain lion predations on livestock and providing for an additional \$50,000 to the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Account. Referred to Senate Committee 1/27/15 |